

## AGENDA



Thursday, December 18, 2008

**Contract and Land Management**  
**RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

**Item No. 12**

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**Subject:** Authorize execution of a construction contract with SOLIS CONSTRUCTORS, INC., (MBE/MH - 44.1%), Austin, Texas for Mexican American Cultural Center, Phase 1A in the amount of \$2,528,000 plus a \$126,400 contingency, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$2,654,400.

**Amount and Source of Funding:** Funding in the amount of \$2,528,000 plus a \$126,400 contingency is available in the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Capital Budget of the Parks and Recreation Department.

**Fiscal Note:** A fiscal note is attached.

**For More Information:** David Smythe-Macaulay 974-7152; Robin Field 974-7064; April Thedford 974-7141

**Purchasing Language:** Lowest bid of three (3) bids received.

**MBE/WBE:** This contract will be awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9A of the City Code (Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program) by meeting the goals with 6.30% MBE and 5.20% WBE subcontractor participation.

**Boards and Commission Action:** Recommended by the Zoning and Platting Commission.

**Prior Council Action:** March 22, 2007 - Council approved appropriation; June 23, 2007 – Council approved an amendment for full consultant services for Phase 1A.

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The Mexican American Cultural Center (MACC), Phase 1A is an addition to the existing building and will complete Phase 1 of the planned three phases. The original MACC was conceived by artists, students and community activists in the mid to late 1970s. The MACC provides a cultural center dedicated to the preservation, creation, presentation and promotion of Mexican American cultural arts and heritage. With the award of this contract, construction will begin February 2009 and be completed by the end of 2009.

City staff relays the progress of the project to the Mexican American Cultural Center Advisory Board. The contract amount is for the base bid, allowances and alternate No. 3. Alternate No. 3 is the construction of a unisex restroom located in the dressing room at the back of the existing auditorium. The base bid includes all site work, the dance rehearsal room and four classrooms. The MACC Phase 1A building addition uses the same type of white pre-cast concrete panels to maintain the visual harmony.

The existing building will remain in operation during construction. Due to the site constraints and number of construction trades involved, unknown problems could arise affecting the project schedule. A 5% contingency is included in funding to process change orders expeditiously. The contract allows 250 calendar days for substantial completion of this project.